[beyond] BEYOND ANOTHER DARKNESS
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残酷で切なく、醜悪で美しい
ミステリックファンタジー
MAYUZUMI AZAKA
HEAD OF THE MAYUZUMI PSYCHIC INVESTIGATION UNIT, AGE 14.
ODAGIRI
MAYZUMI'S AIDE, AGE 19.
PEOPLE HAVE TO DECIDE F THEMSELVE WHETHER TH CAN OR CAN BE SAVED.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU KNOW.
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VISITED THE WITCH'S HOUSE.
THE MERMAID PRINCESS WHO HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A PRINCE
B.A.D.
IN EXCHANGED FOR HER VOICE, THE MERMAID RECEIVED MEDICINE THAT WOULD CHANGE HER TAIL INTO LEGS
AT THE TIME, THE WITCH TOLD HER
"IF THE PRINCE MARRIES A DIFFERENT GIRL
YOU WILL TURN INTO FOAM AND DISAPPEAR"
YOU WILL
DISAPPEAR.

HOW FAR IS THE HEART OF THE PORCELAIN DOLL WHO LAUGHS AT LOVE SINKING...?
アイを笑う陶器人形(ビスク・ドール)
ココロは何処(いずこ)に沈むのか…。
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EVEN IF YOU CHANGE THE POINT OF VIEW, THE OUTLINE OF THIS STORY ABOUT A CONTRACT
IT CAN BE SAID THAT THIS IS A SUBLIME, PURE LOVE.
DOESN'T CHANGE. IT'S STILL ABOUT A MERMAID WHO "WISHES TO PERMANENTLY HAVE LEGS" IN ORDER TO WIN THE "PRINCE'S LOVE".
SFX OPENING SOUNDS
IN THIS STORY, IT'S NOT PARTICULARLY NECESSARY FOR LOVE TO HAVE A PURPOSE.
cough
Cough
IN OTHER WORDS, ODAGIRI -KUN
Cough

I CAN'T EAT WHEN I'M WEAKENED BY ANYTHING.
I DON'T NEED THAT!
ROLL
IF YOU DO THAT YOU'LL DIE
IF I EAT ANYTHING EXCEPT CHOCOLATE, I'LL DIE.
YOU HAVE A COLD, SO PLEASE STOP TALKING ABOUT NONSENSE AND EAT YOUR OKAYU.
"A PEACEFUL TIME IS MORE HEAVY THAN THE EARTH."

TN: OKAYU IS THIN RICE PORRIDGE.

AN ORDINARY PERSON COULDN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND
THE COMMISSIONS ARE ALL LIKE "INTERNAL ORGANS FELL FROM A CREVICE IN THE BUILDING"
OR "I WANT YOU TO CONDUCT A MANHUNT IN ORDER TO KILL".
COUGH
EVEN THOUGH IT'S CALLED AN INVESTIGATION FIRM,
I SUPPOSE SHE WOULD LAUGH AT THE PANIC AT HER ONLY FRIENDS' EXTERIORS.
CASES COULD STILL BE HEARD BY CHANCE FROM SOMEWHERE, AND
EVEN IF THE FIRM DIDN'T EXIST
EVEN ME.
A FRIEND'S—
.....
FORGET IT.
rustle
...ODAGIRI -KUN
swish

COME TO THINK OF IT... A COMMISSION CAME IN.
IT SEEMS SHE WANTS PROTECTION BECAUSE STRANGE THINGS KEEP OCCURRING AROUND HER.
A BODYGUARD, RIGHT?
WHEN?
TODAY AT 12.
SFX: BAM
I'M SORRY—
FOR BEING SO LATE...
AH...

THE CLIENT THIS TIME IS TACHIBANA KOTOKO.
SHE ATTENDS THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL AND IS LIKE ANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
TH-THANK GOODNESS
THANK YOU FOR COMING.
NO, THIS PLACE IS...
AH
STRANGE PHENOMENON KEEP OCCURRING AROUND ME....
YES....
TACHI -BANA -SAN?
...?
WHAT SHOULD I....
SFX: GRAB
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE SUCH A STORY.
BUT...
I....
SFX: SHOCK

...M
MY....
LE....
MY....
LEG....
YOUR
LEG...?

TCH!
STOMP
HAA
HAAH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
HAH
HAH
WIGGLE
THOSE ARE...
FISH SCALES....?

UU
UUU
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M SORRY.
I...
I'M SO SORRY.
IT'S OKAY.
IN ANY CASE, LETS GO SOME -WHERE ELSE.

"HER BODY WAS GRABBED BY A HUMAN ARM THAT WAS COVERED IN FISH SCALES"... ?
CRUNCH

I WAS SURPRISED THAT IT TURNED OUT TO BE SUCH A SERIOUS SITUATION...
UNTIL NOW, A CASE OF A PERSON WHO WAS UNRELATED TO THE STRANGENESS BEING INJURED...
THAT KIND OF STORY IS PRETTY COMMON.
THE CURSE OF A DEAD PERSON IS SOME-TIMES INDISCRI-MINATE
IT SEEMS THAT WHEN MALICE HAS NOWHERE TO GO IT WILL SNAP AT EVERYONE.
UNTIL NOW, THERE'S ONLY BEEN CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE UNRELATED TO THE STRANGENESS IN THE COMMISSION.
HOW-EVER,
UNTIL NOW, THE OWNER OF THE COMMISSION HASN'T BEEN THE "FLAWLESS VICTIM".
THERE'S ALWAYS A REASON WHY THE STRANG-ENESS IS DRAWN TO A VICTIM.
EVEN IF THE VICTIM DOESN'T RECOGNIZE IT.
—THAT MEANS IT HAS SOME-THING TO DO WITH THAT GIRL?

THAT FEEBLE CRYING DIDN'T DISPEL MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT HER.
EVEN IF IT WAS GENUINE
...HOW -EVER

AN EXORCISM REQUESTED FROM A SHINTO SHRINE WASN'T EFFECTIVE, AND SHE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO REACH THIS OFFICE AFTER LOOKING UP A SIMILAR STORY ON SOME OCCULT SITE'S BULLETIN BOARD.
THERE'S SEVERAL WEEKS BETWEEN THE STRANGENESS THE CLIENT TACHIBANA KOTOKO ENCOUNTERS.

UM...
...BECA -USE OF THAT.
HMPH....
...ON A BULLETIN BOARD?

CONNECTED TO
"HIM"?
IS THIS
.....
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I DON'T KNOW YET.
Smile.
MERMAID PRINCESS.
—IT'S A WARPED

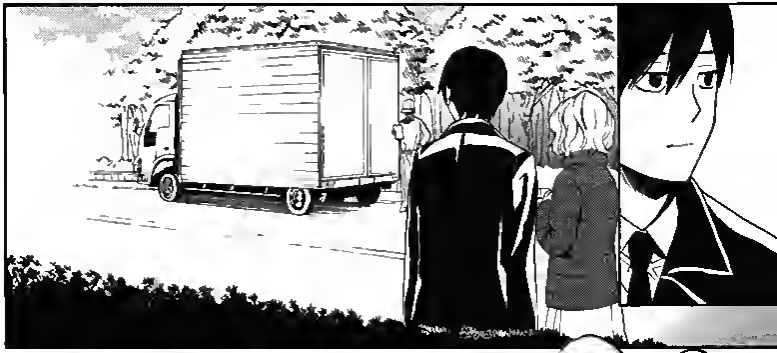
FISH SCALES GREW ON THE TENDER WHITE MEAT.
THAT IS JUST LIKE
THE MERMAID PRINCESS WITH THE GOOD -FOR -NOTHING LEGS.
I DIDN'T SAY I RECEIVED A COMMI -SSION YET.
... AND AFTER THIS, I HAVE ARRANGED TO BE HER BODYGUARD.
THIS IS A BAD EXAMPLE OF HER PREFE -RENCES
I'M NOT FOND OF THIS COMMI -SSION
I'M REALLY PERPL -EXED BY IT.
...HUH?
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET TOO DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE CRIMINAL, DO YOU?
.... BESIDES AS MY ASSISTANT, YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSTANTLY SUPERVISING SOMEONE AS A BODYGUARD. PERSONALLY, I DON'T FIND THAT VERY DESIRABLE.
IT SEEMS YOU FORGET SOMETIMES, BUT YOU KNOW I'M NOTHING MORE THAN A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL, RIGHT?

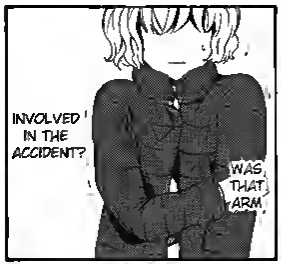
BECAUSE BEFORE THIS, THE ONLY THING I KNEW WAS DESPAIR.
EVEN IF THEY'RE FROM A LOVER OR A FRIEND.
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE CRIMINAL'S DESPAIR AND AGONY, OR IN OTHER WORDS, A HUMAN'S VIOLENT EMOTIONS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
....EVEN THOUGH I ALREADY KNOW,
WILL MY CONSCIENCE BE CLEARED IF I DO SOMETHING?
EVEN IF THE LIKELIHOOD OF HELPING HER IS SMALL, I WANT TO LEND MY STRENGTH.
STILL, I WANTED TO HELP KOTOKO.
I WANTED TO RESTORE HER LIFE THAT HAD NO CONNECTION TO ANY STRANGENESS.
WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
IF YOU WANT TO DO THAT, THEN GO.
HOWEVER, ODAGIRI -KUN,
DON'T FORGET

A PERSON'S STOMACH
CAN BURST EASILY.

I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T DISCUSS SUCH THINGS WITH JUST ANYONE...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I'M REALLY GLA....



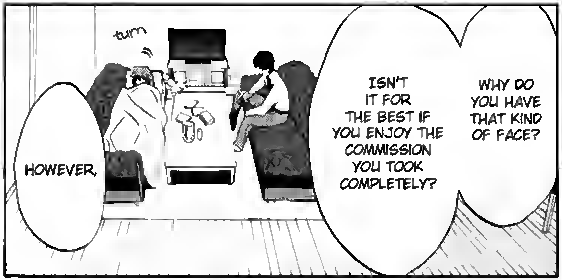

INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT?
WAS THAT ARM

I'M SORRY....
...WHAT'S WRONG?
I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE I HAD AN ACCIDENT.
IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL BUT...
I'M JUST A LITTLE... SCARED...
AH....

..... SHE WAS TRAUMATIZED.

SFX: SLOW MOVEMENT
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.
YOU CAN'T WIPE AWAY PAINFUL MEMORIES EASILY.
"TSUTOMU -SAN,
YOU'RE REALLY NICE."
YOU'RE REALLY NICE.
ODAGIRI -SAN,
REALLY,
YOU'RE NICE!
.... TO SAY
REALLY NICE.
SOME -THING LIKE THAT

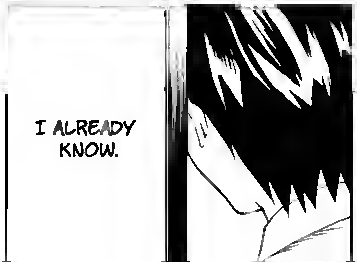
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY, ODAGIRI -KUN.
shuts
skip


turn
HOWEVER,
ISN'T IT FOR THE BEST IF YOU ENJOY THE COMMISSION YOU TOOK COMPLETELY?
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF FACE?

.....

EVEN IF YOU DON'T SAY SUCH A THING,

YOU MUST NOT FORGET ABOUT ME.
slam


I ALREADY KNOW.

MMMM
WITH SOMEONE WAS ENJOYABLE.
HOWEVER
I REALLY FELT LIKE HAVING A NORMAL CONVERSATION
Coff_e

HA
SOR
NO
I...
ODAGIRI -SAN, PLEASE GET ANYTHING YOU LIKE!
I'M SORRY, I ONLY .... !

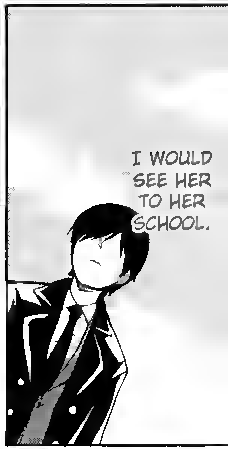
DELICIOOOUS!

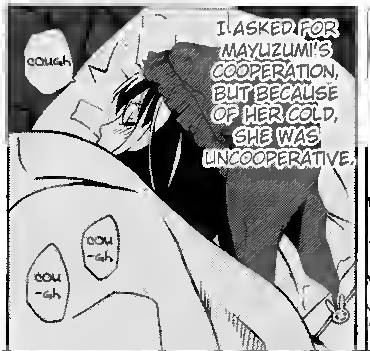
IT'S AS IF THIS IS A DREAM.
HERE! I REALLY RECOMMEND THE CROQUETTE SANDWICH!
.... WELL THEN ....

FOUR DAYS AFTER I TOOK THE COMMISSION, THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGENESS SETTLED DOWN.

THE STOMACH TURNING SMELL OF CHOCOLATE AND RED PAPER UMBRELLA ISN'T HERE.

AFTER SCHOOL WE SPENT THE TIME TOGETHER.

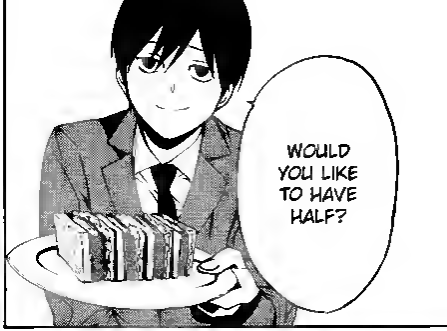

I WOULD SEE HER TO HER SCHOOL.


I ASKED FOR MAYUZUMI'S COOPERATION, BUT BECAUSE OF HER COLD, SHE WAS UNCOOPERATIVE.
cough
ou -gh
ou -gh

THE PROBLEM WAS THAT I COULDN'T INTRUDE INTO A GIRL'S HOUSE SO KOTOKO WAS ALONE AT NIGHT.

I EVEN MAKE SURE TO FILL UP A PITCHER.
EVERYDAY I MAKE RICE PORRIDGE AND OFFER HER MEDICINE.
A BODY ONLY PRESERVED WITH SUGAR CAN BY NO MEANS HEAL ITSELF.
cough
NO, IT'S NOT THAT...
ARE YOU TIRED....
ARE YOU OK-AY?
SHOCK
ODAGIRI-SAN?
IF YOU WOULD AT LEAST JUST TAKE THE MEDICINE...
THEN THAT'S GOOD.
IF THAT'S THE CASE
IF COMPARED TO ASSISTING MY BOSS, ESCORTING YOU, TACHIBANA-SAN, IS EASY.

—YES!


WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE HALF?

ODAGIRI -SAN.
THANK YOU.

BUT I FELT LIKE THE PLACE I FORMERLY PARTED WITH WAS RIGHT HERE.
THINGS WERE SUPPOSED TO NEVER RETURN BACK TO NORMAL...

...YOU
SHOCK
WANT TO GO BACK?
YOU'RE THINKING
IT'S A QUIET AND PEACEFUL
BOREDOM. THIS TIME OF YEAR

THE SAKURA...
ARE BEAUTIFUL...
SFX: RUSTLE

TO THOSE ORDINARY DAYS
IF THERE WAS SOMETHING TO RETURN TO.
BUT
TO THOSE DAYS
BUT
I CAN'T GO BACK
I KNOW.
THERE'S NO WAY TO RETURN!!

I MIGHT BE A BIT GLAD THAT I EXPERIENCED SOME SCARY THINGS.
THANK YOU.
...TH
SINCE WE ARE TOGETHER AROUND THE CLOCK I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT UNPLEASANT THINGS. IT'S REALLY HELPFUL.
I SHOULDN'T
U-UM.
I MEAN.... I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU, ODAGIRI -SAN.....
PUI!
ODAGIRI-SAN, I'M NOT EXPERIENCING ANYMORE SCARY THINGS....
THANKS TO YOU,
I SHOULDN'T HAVE A REASON LIKE THAT, SHOULD I?

GRIP

AH.
THE WHOLE TIME
IT'S AS IF WE'VE BEEN LIKE THIS
MY OWN PERSONAL DESIRE
IS TO NOT RETURN TO HELL.
IF I REACH OUT MY HAND, CAN'T I CLOSE THE DISTANCE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
LIKE, THERE ARE NO PAINFUL THINGS
AREN'T THESE DAYS JUST WHAT I WAS CRAVING FOR IN THE PAST?

IS THAT REALLY OKAY?

UHH...
SFX: HORROR

"A PERSON'S STOMACH
WHAT WOULD SHE...
ODAGIRI -SAN...
DO RIGHT NOW?
CAN BURST

SFX: STOMP

ODAGIRI -SAN...!
ODAGIRI -SAN...
ODAGIRI -SAN
PLEASE STAY BY MY SIDE FOREVER.
PLEASE. I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOU, ODAGIRI -SAN.
ODAGIRI -SAN...
I...

"ODAGIRI -KUN."
"YOU DON'T WANT TO FALL IN LOVE, RIGHT."
"THAT'S BECAUSE ACCEPTING ANOTHER PERSON'S FEELINGS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING."
ODAGIRI -SAN...?
SHOCK
"MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING LEVEL -HEADED."

"YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HATE
ILL ARMS THAT CLING TO YOU, RIGHT?"
ODAGIRI -SAN!?

AHHH
HA
-H
H-H
GEEH
EEE
-EHH...
Cough
Cou
-gh
WHAT ARE YA DOING?
ODAGIRI
-SAN.
smile

B. A. D. —— CH.3 END

MALICE AND "SCORN" WILL BE THRUST UPON HIM.

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H-HERE SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS ADMIN
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING
OHOHO? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM THEN.
MORE PROJECTS?
toss
WHAT?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
THOSE WERE REALY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THEM.
AGAIN?!
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL~
WE CAN'T DO ANYTING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
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